



PO BOX 71 LEBANON, CT 06249 Ph 860 948-0432 WWW.TIMPROCT.ORG

The Voice of the Connecticut Forest Products Industry

January 30, 2011

Testimony in support of:

R.B. 6157 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE FORESTRY PROGRAMS

Submitted by: Joan Nichols – President CT Professional Timber Producers Association, Inc.

Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and members of the Environment Committee:

Sound forest management pays for itself. It pays for itself not only in income derived from the sale of forest products, but also in providing the state of Connecticut with a healthy, vigorous forest, improved wildlife habitat and clean water and open space. Forest science has proven that healthy forests are far better at defending themselves against insect and disease infestations, than unmanaged forests. The amount of income derived from state timber sales more than covers the administrative costs of maintaining that healthy forest. A "timber harvesting revolving account" would provide funds that are derived from the sound management of Connecticut's state forests to be utilized for developing forest management plans and other expenditures that the Connecticut DEP Division of Forestry occurs to maintain these healthy forests on a sustainable basis. This is win for the state forest lands program, the forest products industry who depends on state timber sales, and the citizens of Connecticut who deserve a healthy, well managed forest for future generations.

The Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association urges your support of R.B. 6157 for the state forest lands of Connecticut.